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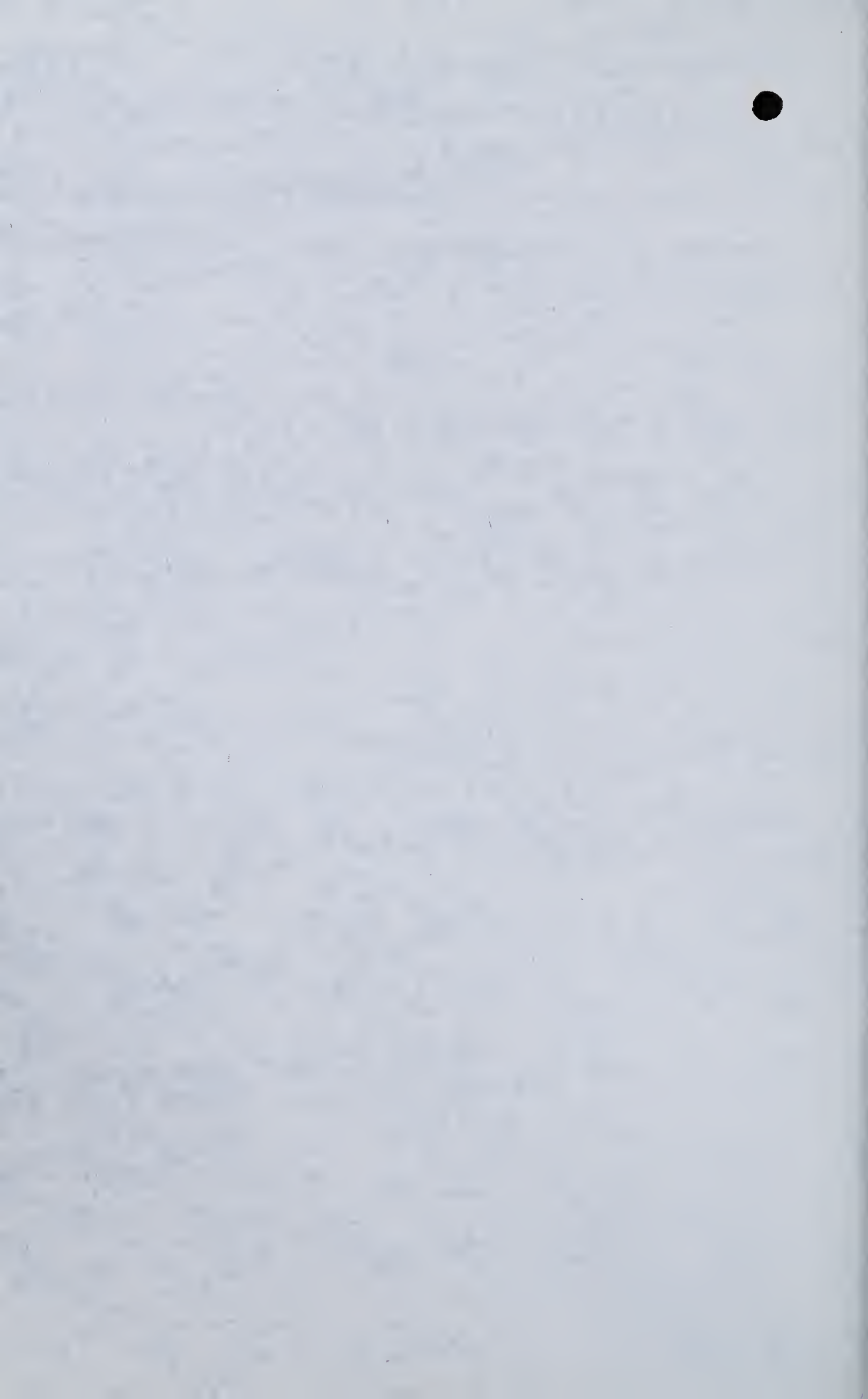
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Gosforth Urban District Council.

Report of the Medical Officer of Health FOR THE YEAR 1935.

*To the Chairman and Members
of the Health Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1935 on the work of the Health Department.

The area of the District is	.....	.....	.....	1,739 acres.
Population, Census 1921	.....	.....	.....	15,790
Population, Census 1931	.....	.....	.....	18,040
Estimated mid-year population 1935	.....	.....	.....	19,000
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1935	.....	.....	.....	5,396
Rateable Value	.....	.....	.....	£169,678
Sum represented by a penny rate	.....	.....	.....	£626

The area is almost entirely residential in character and has no industries which have any special influence on public health.

The following is an extract from the Vital Statistics for the year :—

		TOTAL.	M.	F.	
Live Births	Legitimate	213	125	88	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the resident popu- lation, 11·4.
	Illegitimate	4	1	3	
Still Births	.....	4	2	2	Rate per 1,000 total births, 18·4.

			TOTAL	M.	F.	
Deaths	.....	.....	187	104	83	Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population, 9.8.

Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and Childbirth :—

				Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births.
From Sepsis	.....	.....	.....	0	Nil.
From Other Causes	.....	.....	.....	0	Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All infants per 1,000 live births	.....	.....	73.5
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	.....	.....	65.7
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	.....	.....	500.0
Deaths from Measles—all ages	.....	.....	Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough—all ages	.....	.....	Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea—under 2 years of age			1

There is a regrettable increase in the death rate of infants under one year of age. For 1934 the rate was 47.6 per thousand and was definitely below that for the country as a whole. The rate for 1935—73.5 per thousand is considerably above the provisional figures available for England and Wales.

The death rate of illegitimate infants—500.0 per thousand illegitimate live births appears at first sight alarming; it must, however, be remembered that in an area of the size of Gosforth where the actual total number of illegitimate births is small, one or two deaths may lead to what appears to be a staggering death rate.

Actually in 1935 there were 4 illegitimate births and of these, 2 children died.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Table I. shows the Vital Statistics of the District as compared with those of England and Wales, London and 121 Great Towns, and 140 Smaller Towns.

TABLE I.
TABLE OF COMPARATIVE LIVE STATISTICS, 1935.

	RATE PER 1,000 TOTAL POPULATION		ANNUAL DEATH RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION.								RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.		
	Live Births.	Still Births.	All Causes	Typhoid and Para-Ty- phoid Fevers	Smallpox.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Whooping Cough.	Diphtheria.	Influenza.	Violence.	Diarrhoea & Enteritis (under 2 yrs.)	Total deaths under 1 yr.
England and Wales	14.7	0.62	11.7	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.08	0.18	0.52	5.7	57
121 County Boroughs and Great Towns, includ- ing London	14.8	0.68	11.8	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.04	0.09	0.16	0.45	7.9	62
140 Smaller Towns (Esti- mated Resident Popu- lations 25,000 to 50,000 at Census 1931)	14.8	0.64	11.2	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.07	0.17	0.41	3.8	55
London	13.3	0.52	11.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.06	0.11	0.51	11.2	58
Gosforth	11.4	0.21	9.8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.31	0.73	4.7	73

Table II. gives a comparison of the Vital Statistics of the District for the past 10 years.

TABLE II.

YEAR.	POPULATION ESTIMATED TO MIDDLE OF EACH YEAR.	BIRTHS.		TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED OF PERSONS BELONGING TO DISTRICT.			
				UNDER 1 YEAR.		AT ALL AGES.	
		Number.	Rate per 1,000 Pop'tion.	Number.	Rate per 1,000 Births.	Number.	Rate per 1,000 Pop'tion.
1926	19,000	233	12.3	8	34.3	176	9.2
1927	19,000	224	11.8	14	62.5	195	10.4
1928	19,000	234	12.3	12	51.2	147	7.7
1929	19,000	208	10.9	14	67.3	185	9.7
1930	19,000	187	9.8	6	32.0	157	8.2
1931	18,040	192	10.6	15	78.08	199	11.0
1932	18,220	231	12.6	12	51.9	175	9.6
1933	18,290	216	11.8	6	27.7	188	10.27
1934	18,390	210	11.4	10	47.6	175	9.51
1935	19,000	217	11.4	16	73.5	187	9.8

Deaths.

Table III. shews the causes of death of residents belonging to the District as registered during 1935. The table is corrected for outward and inward transfers.

TABLE III.

**Causes of Death in Gosforth Urban District
during the Year 1935.**

CAUSES OF DEATH.					M.	F.	TOTAL.
ALL CAUSES					104	83	187
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers				—	—	—
2.	Measles				—	—	—
3.	Scarlet Fever				—	—	—
4.	Whooping Cough				—	—	—
5.	Diphtheria				1	—	1
6.	Influenza				5	1	6
7.	Encephalitis Lethargica				—	—	—
8.	Cerebro-spinal Fever				—	—	—
9.	Tuberculosis of respiratory system				2	2	4
10.	Other Tuberculous diseases				—	—	—
11.	Syphilis				—	—	—
12.	General paralysis of the insane, tabes dorsalis				1	—	1
13.	Cancer, Malignant disease				14	15	29
14.	Diabetes				1	3	4
15.	Cerebral Hæmorrhage, etc.				5	3	8
16.	Heart disease				20	26	46
17.	Aneurysm				—	—	—
18.	Other circulatory diseases				14	6	20
19.	Bronchitis				—	2	2
20.	Pneumonia (all forms)				4	2	6
21.	Other respiratory diseases				1	1	2
22.	Peptic Ulcer				1	—	1
23.	Diarrhœa, etc. (under 2 years)				1	—	1
24.	Appendicitis				—	1	1
25.	Cirrhosis of the liver				—	—	—
26.	Other diseases of the liver, etc.				—	1	1
27.	Other digestive diseases				3	3	6
28.	Acute and chronic nephritis				2	2	4
29.	Puerperal sepsis				—	—	—
30.	Other puerperal causes				—	—	—
31.	Congenital debility, premature birth, malformations, etc.				7	3	10
32.	Senility				2	—	2
33.	Suicide				4	2	6
34.	Other violence				6	2	8
35.	Other defined diseases				8	7	15
36.	Causes ill-defined or unknown				2	1	3

The following statement shews the ages at death :—

At all ages.	Under 1 year	1 and under 2.	2 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 45.	45 and under 65.	65 and upwards
187	16	0	1	5	11	9	51	94

Births.

During the year 217 births have been registered giving an Annual Rate of 11.4 as compared with 11.4 for the year 1934.

Infant Mortality.

The total of 16 infant deaths gives an infant mortality rate of 73.3 per 1,000, compared with 47.6 for the year 1934.

The ages at death were as follows :—

Under 1 month.	1—3 months.	3—6 months.	6—9 months.	9—12 months.
14	—	1	1	—

Causes of Death.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Under 1 week	1—2 weeks.	2—4 weeks.	Total under 4 wks.	1—3 mths.	3—6 mths.	6—12 mths.	Total deaths under 1 year.
Meningitis								
Pneumonia	1			1			1	2
Enteritis								
Congenital Malformations	2			2				2
Premature Birth	3			3				3
Convulsions								
Other Causes	4	2	2	8	1			9
TOTALS	10	2	2	14	1		1	16

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

The information required in this Section has been set out in previous reports and no material alterations have taken place during 1935.

Staff of Health Department.

Medical Officer of Health	.....	*W. L. M. Gabriel, M.B., Ch.B., B.Hy., D.P.H.
Medical Officer, of Health, Child Welfare	.....	†H. Glen Davison, M.D.
Dental Surgeon, Welfare Centre		†A. M. Laing, L.D.S.
Sanitary Inspector, Inspector of Workshops, Superintendent of the Collection and Disposal of House Refuse	.....	Thos. B. Bennett, C.R.S.I.
Additional Sanitary Inspector		J. Liddle, C.R.S.I.
Health Visitors	.....	M. McGregor, Health Visitor's Diploma. M. Dickinson, Health Visitor's Diploma.

* Employed part-time by this Authority, whole-time
Public Health Officer.

† Part time.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

This Section is dealt with under the report of the Sanitary Inspector.

Housing.

This Section is dealt with in the report of the Sanitary Inspector.

Inspection and Supervision of Foods.

This Section is dealt with in the report of the Sanitary Inspector.

Prevalence and Control of Infectious Diseases.

(a) *Notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis).*—Table IV. shows the number of cases of infectious diseases notified during the year.

TABLE IV.

**CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED
DURING THE YEAR 1935.**

NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED.

AT ALL AGES—YEARS.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	At all ages.	Under 1 year.	1—2 years.	2—3 years.	3—4 years.	4—5 years.	5—10 years.	10—15 years.	15—20 years.	20—35 years.	35—45 years.	45—65 years & on.	R'moved to Hospital.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	119	1	4	3	8	10	56	15	8	11	2	1	104	0
Diphtheria	54	0	0	2	0	2	18	18	8	5	0	1	50	1
Enteric Fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia	26	0	2	0	1	1	8	0	0	3	1	10	1	6
Erysipelas	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	6	0	0
Chickenpox	130	1	3	4	8	9	70	29	4	2	0	0	0	0
Encephalitis L	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ophthalmia N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cerebro Spinal Fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Para Typhoid	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	343	2	9	9	17	22	153	62	22	23	5	19	155	7

(b) *Ophthalmia Neonatorum.*

(c) *Tuberculosis.* 16 new cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the year, 11 being pulmonary and 5 non-pulmonary.

The following Table shows the age distribution of the new cases and also that of the deaths of persons certified to be due to tuberculosis :—

TABLE V.
TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases and Mortality during the Year 1935.

AGE PERIODS.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 years								
1 "								
5 "								
10 "			1			1		
15 "		1	1	1				
20 "		1	1					
25 "								
35 "	2	2			2			
45 "	2	1		1				
55 "		1						
65 and upwards		1						
TOTALS	4	7	3	2	2	1		

There was one non-notified pulmonary death.

At the close of the year there were according to the records of the Department 68 cases of pulmonary and 16 cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis resident in the District. The names of 14 persons were removed from the register owing to having left the district or owing to death.

(d) *Bacteriological Examinations.* Facilities for laboratory diagnosis are provided by the Northumberland County Council.

The following specimens have been submitted for examination during the year :—

	TOTAL.		POSITIVE.		NEGATIVE.
Sputa for B. Tuberculosis	44	.....	9	.....	35
Pus for B. Tuberculosis	3	.....	2	.....	1
Faeces for Tuberculosis	1	.....	—	.....	1
C.B. Fluid for Tuberculosis	1	.....	—	.....	1
Urine for Tuberculosis	6	.....	—	.....	6
Urine for Organisms	1	.....	—	.....	1
Faeces for Dysentery	4	2	2
Sera for Agglutination	4	1	3
Swabs for Diphtheria	458	...	57	401
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	522	71	451
Samples of Milk	54				
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TOTAL	576				
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(e) *Disinfection.* During the year the following work of disinfection has been carried out :—

Number of rooms disinfected	.....	.....	.....	179
Number of times bedding, etc., has been removed for steam disinfection	.....	....	.....	181

Many of the steam disinfections were required for Institutions.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

1. Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces,
(including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises.	Inspections.	Number of Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories :— (including Factory Laundries)	2	0	0
Workshops :— (including Workshop Laundries)	13	2	0
Workplaces :— (Other than Outworkers premises)	0	0	0
TOTAL	15	2	0

2. Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

PARTICULARS.	NUMBER OF DEFECTS.			Number of offences in respect of which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—				
Want of Cleanliness	2	2	—	—
Want of Ventilation	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—
Want of drainage to floors	—	—	—	—
Other Nuisances :—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Accommodation { (Insufficient)	—	—	—	—
(Unsuitable or defective)	—	—	—	—
(Not separate for sexes)	—	—	—	—
Offences under the Factory & Workshop Acts :—				
Illegal occupation of under- ground bakehouses (s.101)	—	—	—	—
Other Offences :— (Excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections men- tioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories & Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	2	2	—	—

Maternity and Child Welfare.

Notification of Births Act.

NOTIFIED BY.	LIVE BIRTHS.	STILL BIRTHS.	TOTAL.
Doctors and Parents	20	0	20
Midwives	104	0	104
Nursing Homes and Maternity Hospitals	100	5	105
TOTALS	224	5	229

The following visits were paid by the Health Visitors during the year :—

First visits <i>re</i> births	210
First visits <i>re</i> still births	3
First visits to children removed to Gosforth	33
Re-visits to children	705
Visits to children under 5 years of age	727
First visits to expectant mothers	78
Re-visits to expectant mothers	116
Special visits	219

TOTAL	2091
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Number of simple dressings attended to ...	885
Number of interviews at Office	734
Milk, etc., sold at cost price	£534 13s. 11d.
Milk, etc., given free	£48 3s. 7d.

Infant Life Protection. (Children and Young Persons Act, 1932, Part 5).

The Health Visitor is the Inspector under this Act. There were 2 children on the register. One child removed to Newcastle and one still remains in the district.

Child Welfare Centre and Ante-Natal Clinic.

The following statements give details of the work of the Child Welfare Centre and Ante-Natal Clinic during the year :—

CHILD WELFARE—1935.

MONTH.	INDIVIDUAL NEW CHILDREN		TOTAL.	TOTAL ATTENDANCES.		TOTAL.	MEDICAL CONSULTA- TIONS.
	Under 1 year.	Over 1 year.		Under 1 year.	Over 1 year.		
January	14	5	19	293	169	462	147
February	20	3	23	231	185	416	116
March	17	3	20	268	243	511	134
April	18	4	22	295	202	497	121
May	20	8	28	325	198	523	177
June	19	4	23	249	199	448	115
July	27	12	39	263	157	420	103
August	9	9	18	379	246	625	161
September	18	6	24	333	215	548	141
October	15	7	22	318	214	532	135
November	27	4	31	439	228	667	201
December	12	1	13	344	219	563	139
TOTAL	216	66	282	3737	2475	6212	1690

Separate individuals who attended	....	....	Average attendance per week	....	....	129.4
Average No. of attendances per individual	....	9.13	Average attendance per session	....	....	43.13
			Average No. of consultations per week	....	....	35.2
			Average No. of consultations per session	....	....	17.6
			No. of Child Welfare sessions during the year	....	....	142.

ANTE-NATAL CLINIC, 1935.

MONTH.					FIRST VISIT.	TOTAL ATTENDANCES.
January	....	....	....	....	9	28
February	....	....	....	....	17	37
March	....	....	....	....	8	35
April	....	....	....	....	9	42
May	....	....	....	....	10	42
June	....	....	....	....	11	30
July	....	....	....	....	8	33
August	....	....	....	....	10	38
September	....	....	....	....	8	35
October	....	....	....	....	8	37
November	....	....	....	....	13	41
December	....	....	....	....	9	45
TOTAL					120	443

No. of Ante-Natal sessions during the year 46

Average attendance per session 9.6

Under the Council's Scheme it is possible for a practitioner to obtain the services of a consulting obstetrician in any maternity case, whether ante-natal, or intra or post-natal. The arrangements also provide for the hospital accommodation of any such patient where the circumstances make it desirable or necessary.

Maternal Mortality.

There were no maternal deaths recorded during the year.

Ultra-Violet Ray Treatment.

	FROM CENTRE.	PRIVATE.	TOTAL.
Number of cases attending	32	12	43
Number of exposures	782	147	929
Amount received	—	£9 3s. 0d.	£9 3s. 0d.

Gosforth Welfare Children's Dental Clinic.

During the year a Dental Surgeon appointed by the Council has conducted a clinic once a fortnight.

There have been 29 sessions with an average attendance of about 6.5, including a few ante-natal cases.

Dr. Glen Davison has attended 8 special sessions for the administration of anaesthetics for cases of multiple extractions.

59 General anaesthetics were administered during the year.

Immunization Sessions.

No. of Sessions.	No. of Injections.	No. of Children.
5	72	24

Sewing Meeting.

A Sewing Meeting is held every Monday afternoon with a break during the summer months. Mothers are encouraged to make babies' clothes on economical lines. Special teaching is given to show mothers what can be done with old garments, and many suitable toddlers' clothes are made.

The average attendance 12.

Yours faithfully,

W. L. M. GABRIEL,

Medical Officer of Health.

Annual Report of the Sanitary Inspector.

To the Medical Officer of Health.

DEAR SIR,

I have pleasure in submitting particulars of the work of my Department for the year ending December 31st, 1935.

Water Supply.

The whole of the District has a piped supply which is from the same source as that of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne and is provided by the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company.

One complaint of discoloration of the water was received. This appeared to have been due to the carrying out of local repairs and was quickly remedied.

Rivers and Streams.

Six inspections have been made during the year with reference to the pollution of rivers and streams in the area, and two contraventions discovered. The persons responsible were communicated with and the matters in question satisfactorily dealt with.

Drainage and Sewerage.

During the year ending 31st December 1935, 3979 yards of New Sewage and Rainwater Sewers have been laid in the District as follows :—

North Gosforth Estate	.....	.....	.....	835	lin. yds.
Grange Park Estate	.....	.....	.....	1779	„ „
Gosforth Park Estate	.....	.....	.....	438	„ „
Westfield Drive	.....	.....	.....	81	„ „
Regent Road North	.....	.....	.....	164	„ „
L.N.E.R. Garden Village	.....	.....	.....	125	„ „
Oakfield Road	.....	.....	.....	257	„ „
Westfield Grove	.....	.....	.....	300	„ „
				3979	„ „

Closest Accommodation.

There are in the District 5428 houses with water-closet accommodation. There are also 27 houses with combined privies and ashpits, and 2 houses with pail-closets.

22 privies and ashpits and 3 pail-closets were abolished during the year. Of the 50 houses added to the area in April by extension of boundaries, 40 of them have water-closet accommodation, 8 have privies and ashpits and 2 have pail-closets.

Collection and Disposal of House Refuse.

The quantity of house refuse collected in the District during the year under review was 8656 tons. Of this number 315 tons were taken to the North Depot for pulverization or incineration, 317 direct to farms and gardens, etc., and 8024 to tips in the district. During the same period 461 tons of pulverized refuse and other salvaged materials were sold and the sum due to the Council in respect of same was £17 2s. 8d.

The whole of the District is scavenged by the Council's own men and motor wagons. Two hundred and thirty-seven visits of inspection and supervision have been made.

House refuse is collected from moveable dustbins, once, twice or three times per week, as the circumstances of the area require. Dry ashpits are emptied once every four weeks, and combined privies and ashpits every two or three weeks. The average amount

of refuse collected per annum was 1.5 tons from each house and shop and 455 tons for each 1000 of the population.

Inspections made.

The total number of sanitary and housing inspections which have been made during the year is 2404. There were in addition 630 inspections of drains of new buildings, 456 visits for the purpose of enquiry and disinfection after infectious diseases, 654 visits to ascertain if nuisances had been abated, or to supervise work in progress, and 16 visits with reference to the Rats and Mice Destruction Act.

Notices Served for the Abatement of Nuisances, Etc.

During the year 253 informal notices and one Statutory Notice have been served. Of these 27 informal notices were uncomplained with at the end of the year. Many letters have also been sent out requesting the conversion of dry ashpits, etc. A detailed statement with reference to the inspections made and notices served will be found in Table I.

Smoke Abatement.

It was necessary to give one written notice during the year to abate a nuisance from smoke and this was complied with without delay. Gosforth being mainly a residential district, complaints as to smoke nuisances are very rare.

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS WHICH CAN BE CONTROLLED BY BYE-LAWS OR REGULATIONS.

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk Shops.

There were on the Register at the end of the year the names of five cow-keepers, who are also retailers of milk. There are also 13 purveyors of milk with premises within the District, and 25 whose premises are outside the District.

The number of dairy cows kept in the area is about 118.

It was necessary to serve 3 notices during the year on cowkeepers and purveyors of milk with respect to the condition of their premises

and utensils and the contravention of the Milk and Dairies Orders and Acts. They were complied with without delay.

Fifty-four samples of milk have been collected for Bacteriological Examination and the results are as follows :—

Ungraded Milk.

Forty-three samples were examined. Six or 14% showed an excess of bacteria organisms and sixteen or 39.5% an excess of Bac. Coli, as compared with the standard for Grade "A" milk.

Pasteurised Milk.

Four samples were taken. Bacteria Organisms were in excess in one sample.

Grade "A" Milk.

Five samples were taken. Three samples showed Bac. Coli. to be present in one hundredth of a cubic centimetre. The other samples were satisfactory.

Grade "A" T.T.

One sample was taken which complied with the prescribed conditions.

Certified.

One sample was taken which did not comply with the prescribed conditions.

Licences have been issued to retailers to sell graded milk in the area as follows :—

To sell " Certified " milk	.....	.....	.....	2 licences.
To sell " Grade 'A' T.T." milk	.....	.....	.....	4 licences.
To sell " Grade 'A' " milk	.....	.....	.....	2 licences.
To sell " Pasteurised " milk	.....	.....	.....	3 licences.

All the graded milk is bottled outside the Gosforth Area.

Slaughter Houses, Retail Meat Shops and Food Stores.

There are two private slaughter houses and 53 retail meat shops in the District. They are periodically inspected and it was found

necessary to issue three notices with respect to a contravention of the Meat Regulations during the year. The structural condition of the premises is fairly satisfactory.

The occupiers of the slaughter houses have regular times each week for slaughtering and inspections are made both at these and other times.

Eighty-six inspections were made during the year, and slaughtering was in progress during sixty-three of these inspections.

Seventy-seven bovine and 118 sheep carcasses were examined. Pigs are not slaughtered at either of the slaughter houses.

It was found necessary to condemn some of the internal organs of three bovine carcasses.

Offensive Trades.

The Offensive Trades established in the district are six fried fish purveyors. The premises and utensils have been kept in a fairly satisfactory state of cleanliness during the year. Three notices with respect to cleanliness and the general construction of the premises were served.

Houses let in Lodgings, Underground Sleeping Rooms, Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.

There are no houses let in lodgings or underground sleeping rooms in the district.

Rag Flock Acts, 1911 and 1928.

There are no premises in the district where rag flock is manufactured and only a few pounds weekly are used by one upholsterer, who buys the material from a wholesale dealer in Newcastle-upon-Tyne under a guarantee as to cleanliness. No tests have been made during the year.

Bake-houses.

There are ten retail bake-houses in the district which are structurally in a fairly satisfactory condition.

Three contraventions with respect to limewashing and general cleanliness were found during the year. Three notices were served, one of which was uncomplied with at the end of the year.

HOUSING.

The total number of houses in the District is 5454 and of these about 2553 are of a type suitable for persons of the working classes.

Three hundred and forty-eight houses were erected during the year by private builders.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year:—

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	87
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	.....					87
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	.....	.....	.....	.....		18
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	.....					18
(3) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	.....	.....			11
(4) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	67

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without service of formal Notices :—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	66
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year:—

A. Proceedings under Sections 17, 18, and 23 of the Housing Act, 1930 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	4
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By Owners	0
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	0

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners	0
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	0

Seven houses inspected during the year 1934 were made fit during the year 1935.

TABLE No. I.

	Number of Inspections during year.	Number of Defects or Contraventions of Bye-laws.	Number outstanding from previous year.	Total.	Number remedied after letter or interview.	Number of INFORMAL Notices served.	Defects remedied thereafter.	Number of STATUTORY Notices served.	Defects remedied thereafter.	In progress or being dealt with.	Legal Proceedings.
Housing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	...
		105	29	134	0	0	115	0	0	19	...
	87	6	0	6	0	0	2	0	0	4	...
		30	2	32	0	71	23	15	0	9	...
		3	1	4	1	0	2	0	0	1	...
		96	2	98	2	0	78	0	0	18	...
Water Supply	2	2	1	3	1	2	2	...	...	...	...
	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	13	13	...	13	...	13	13	...	...	...	...
	15	8	...	8	...	8	4	...	...	4	...
Sanitary Conveniences	20	20	...	20	...	20	18	...	...	2	...
	4	4	1	5	2	2	1	...	...	2	...
	2019	103	9	112	9	103	100	1	1	2	...
Shops, Food-stores, &c. Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Slaughter Houses Offensive Trades Workshops, Workplaces and Bakehouses Keeping of Animals Insanitary Ashpits & receptacles Offensive accumulations Smoke Nuisances Unclassified minor nuisances	26	15	...	15	...	10	1	...	...	14	...
	50	12	...	12	9	3	3	...	...	...	...
	86	3	...	3	...	3	3	...	...	...	...
	12	4	...	4	1	3	2	...	...	1	...
	15	2	1	3	...	3	2	...	...	1	...
	3	3	...	3	1	2	2	...	...	...	...
	25	4	...	4	...	4	4	...	...	...	...
	11	5	...	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
	4	3	...	3	1	1	1	...	...	1	...
	11	5	...	5	...	5	5	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	2404	447	46	493	33	253	381	16	1	78	...

TABLE II.

This table gives an abstract of some of the work carried out in connection with occupied dwelling houses.

Length in yards of defective drains removed	.....	.....	28
Length in yards of new drains constructed	.....	.....	351
Defective gullies removed	.....	.....	6
New trapped gullies provided	.....	.....	21
Combined privies and ashpits abolished and replaced by water closets	.....	.....	22
Pail closets abolished and replaced by water closets	.....		3
New water closets provided	.....	.....	52
Ashpits removed and dust bins provided	.....	.....	14
Number of houses at which drains have been tested	.....		53
Number of tests made	.....	.....	65
New ashbins provided	.....	.....	145

TABLE III.

The work in connection with the drains of new buildings will be found in the following table :—

Number of houses at which drains have been tested	348
Number of tests made	553
Length in yards of drains tested	5220

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